

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2854 - SB 3369

March 29, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the state to impose a lien against the estate of any individual prior to such individual's death for recovery of incorrectly paid benefits on behalf of such individual.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – Exceeds \$800,000

A more precise cost estimate is not possible because the TennCare Bureau has not provided any information to assist in the preparation of this fiscal note.

Assumptions:

- Currently, a lien may be imposed against an individual's real property for the recovery of incorrectly paid benefits.
- There will be an increase in revenues for the TennCare program to impose liens against the estate of an individual.
- In FY 2005, the TennCare program expended \$854,000,000 for nursing home care and collected \$14,000,000 or 1.64% in third party recoveries. If TennCare recovered an additional 0.10%, it would result in an increase to state revenues in an amount which exceeds \$859,600.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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